

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A carrier for a developer for developing an electrostatic image, comprising core particles, and a resin layer covering each of said core particles and containing carbon particles having a number average particle diameter of 0.01-0.1 μm .

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, ~~and having~~ wherein said carrier has a weight average particle diameter of 25-65 μm and such a particle diameter distribution that that portion of said carrier having a particle diameter of less than 37 μm but no less than 26 μm accounts for 1-60 % of a total weight of said carrier.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, ~~and having~~ wherein said carrier has a weight average particle diameter of 35-60 μm and such a particle diameter distribution that that portion of said carrier having a particle diameter of less than 37 μm but no less than 26 μm accounts for 10-50 % of a total weight of said carrier.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, ~~and having~~ wherein said carrier has a specific resistance of 10^9 - 10^{15} $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A carrier as claimed in claim 1, ~~and providing~~ wherein said carrier has an induced magnetic moment of 40-85 emu/g in an applied magnetic field of 1 KOe.

Claim 6 (Original): A developer for developing an electrostatic image, comprising a dry toner, and a carrier according to claim 1.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): An image forming method comprising the steps of:
contacting an image forming member bearing an electrostatic latent image thereon with a developer according to claim 6 to develop the latent image with the developer to form a toner image on said image forming member;
transferring said toner image to a transfer member;
collecting the toner and the carrier remaining on said image forming member after the transferring step; and
recycling the collected toner and the carrier for use in the contacting step.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): An image forming apparatus, comprising:
an image forming member adapted to bear an electrostatic latent image thereon;
means disposed adjacent to said image forming member for forming an electrostatic latent image on said image forming member;
a developing mechanism having a vessel containing a developer according to claim 6 for developing the latent image with the developer to form a toner image on said image forming member;
a transferring mechanism for transferring said toner image from said image forming member to a transfer member;
a collecting mechanism located downstream of said transferring mechanism for recovering the toner and the carrier remaining on said image forming member; and
a recycling mechanism for returning the collected toner and the carrier to said vessel.